

[21 February, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

meeting and the subjects have been invited for discussion in the forthcoming meeting from the hon'ble members.

Upgradation of landing system at airports

542. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what steps the Airports Authority of India has taken to upgrade the landing system at the airports in the country to meet the foggy conditions during the last winter;

(b) to what extent the AAI succeeded in avoiding stranding of aircrafts at different airports;

(c) whether the Runway Visual Range (RVR) equipment imported from Germany has been installed and commissioned; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Instrument Landing System (ILS) CAT-IIIa has already been installed at IGI Airport, Delhi and is likely to be commissioned by March, 2001 after completing some necessary requirements. Proposals are under implementation to provide and install CAT-II ILS at the airports at Jammu, Amritsar and Lucknow. With the commissioning of Cat. II ILS at IGI Airport, aircraft operation will be possible in low visibility conditions upto 200 metres and to that extent the stranding of aircrafts could be avoided.

(c) The new Runway Visual Range (RVR) system has been imported and provided by India Meteorological Department and has been installed and commissioned at IGI Airport, Delhi in December, 2000.

(d) Does not arise.

Construction of Air-Strip at Umaria

† 543. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.